

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace subtitle on line 7 and first paragraph on Page 1, lines 8 to 15 with the following amended paragraph:

Background of the Invention

This is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent application entitled HEAD END MULTIPLEXER TO SELECT AND TRANSMIT VIDEO-ON-DEMAND AND OTHER REQUESTED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, filed 6/23/00, serial number 09/602, 512, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,857,132, which was a continuation-in-part of a U.S. patent application entitled HOME NETWORK FOR ORDERING AND DELIVERY OF VIDEO ON DEMAND, TELEPHONE AND OTHER DIGITAL SERVICES, filed 01/14/00, serial number 09/483,681, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference. ~~This application discloses gateways and settop decoders for use in home networks as well as the home network itself and an intelligent remote control.~~

Background of the Invention

The present invention relates to network communications. More specifically, the present invention relates to gateways and settop decoders for use in home networks as well as the home network itself and an intelligent remote control.